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Minnesota Family Council - The Minnesota Family Council is Minnesota's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan, profamily organization. Established in 1983, the Minnesota Family Council addresses a wide array of issues affecting the family though the media, the legislative and legal system and by a statewide newspaper called the Profamily News. The Minnesota Family Council is located in Minneapolis.

Illinois Family Institute is located in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The mission of the organization is to create within Illinois an environment in which families can flourish by equipping churches and community-based groups to influence public policy, through leadership by example, information and training. Illinois Family Council takes a stand for families and limited government by engaging in research, education, coalition-building, media-outreach, lobbying and legislative tracking.

Indiana Family Institute is an education and research organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the family in the home and the public square. The Indiana Family Institute is located in Indianapolis.

Massachusetts Family Institute is a non-profit, pro-family research and education organization. Founded in 1991, we are committed to strengthening the family and restoring Judeo-Christian values to our culture. The Massachusetts Family Institute is located in Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts.

New Jersey Family Policy Council is a conservative think tank/education research organization dedicated to strengthening

families in New Jersey. Its mission is to strengthen New Jersey families by persuasively presenting a traditional foundation of principles and values essential for the well-being of our society in the public policy arena. It is located in Parsippany, New Jersey.

North Carolina Family Policy Council is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and education organization that serves as a voice for family and traditional values in North Carolina. The North Carolina Family Policy Council was formed in 1992 and is located in Raleigh.

Oklahoma Family Policy Council is a nonpartisan research, education and communications organization working to strengthen the family in Oklahoma through informed citizenship and improved public policy. It is located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Oregon Center for Family Policy is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to promote and strengthen families throughout the state. The organization is located in Salem, Oregon.

Palmetto Family Council is based in Columbia, South Carolina and is dedicated to working in the centers of influence to persuasively present Biblical principles on issues affecting the family through research, communication and networking.

Pennsylvania Family Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan research and education organization, which analyzes public policies and cultural trends for their effects on the family. The Pennsylvania Family Institute is located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Rocky Mountain Family Council is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to strengthening families in Colorado through education, legal assistance, daily radio commentaries, public forums, and monthly publications, including newspaper columns. The Rocky Mountain Family Council was established in 1991 and is located in Arvada, Colorado.

Rocky Mountain Family Legal Foundation is a non-profit public interest law firm located Colorado and is dedicated to representing families, both parents and children, that require assistance in defending their religious liberty and free speech rights. The Rocky Mountain Family Legal Foundation is also active in defending the integrity of the family and parents' rights to raise their family in accordance with the parents' beliefs.

Northstar Legal Center -- The Northstar Legal Center is a division of the Minnesota Family Council. Its mission is to promote traditional values and constitutional freedoms in the legal arena. The Northstar Legal Center is based in Minneapolis and Fairfax, Virginia.